

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

CIVILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential non-electric applications of civilian nuclear energy, after receiving testimony from Shannon Bragg-Sitton, Director, Integrated Energy and Storage Systems Division, Energy and Environment Science and Technology Directorate, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Paul Chodak III, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio; and Michael J. Guastella, Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc., Washington, D.C.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead for the COVID-19 response, focusing on next

steps, after receiving testimony from Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, and Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2342, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Zachary A. Cunha, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island, Nikolas P. Kerest, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, Cole Finegan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Kenneth L. Parker, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 5853–5889; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 59; and H. Res. 772–773, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6208–09

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Mrvan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Protect Older Job Applicants Act: The House passed H.R. 3992, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to prohibit employers from limiting, segregating, or classifying applicants for employment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas

to 200 nays, Roll No. 358. Consideration began yesterday, November 3rd.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to prohibit employers from limiting, segregating, or classifying applicants for employment."

Agreed to:

Pappas amendment (No. 1 printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–137) that was debated on November 3rd that requires the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to conduct a study on the number of job applicants impacted by age discrimination in the job application process and issue recommendations on addressing age discrimination in the job application process (by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 356).

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Rejected:

Keller amendment (No. 2 printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–137) that was debated on November 3rd that sought to require a GAO study to determine whether not allowing claims of disparate impact discrimination by applicants for employment under the

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 has a significant negative impact on such applicants, and provides that if the results of the study show there is not a significant negative impact on such applicants, then the Act shall not take effect (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 357).

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H. Res. 716, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2119), (H.R. 3110), and (H.R. 3992) and relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 1301) was agreed to Tuesday, October 12th.

Oath of Office—Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio: Representative-elect Shontel M. Brown presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Amanda M. Grandjean, Esq., Director of Elections and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ohio Office of the Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results of the Special Election held November 2, 2021, the Honorable Shontel M. Brown was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of Ohio.

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Oath of Office—Fifteenth Congressional District of Ohio: Representative-elect Mike Carey presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Amanda M. Grandjean, Esq., Director of Elections and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ohio Office of the Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results of the Special Election held November 2, 2021, the Honorable Mike Carey was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifteenth Congressional District, State of Ohio.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman and the gentleman from Ohio, the whole number of the House is 434.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, November 3rd.

Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act: H.R. 1917, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 359;

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Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act: H.R. 1339, amended, to require the Sec-

retary of Transportation to establish an advanced air mobility interagency working group, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 383 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 360;

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Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act: H.R. 3193, amended, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide for a high-speed broadband deployment initiative, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 361;

Pages H6198–99

Preliminary Damage Assessment Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 3709, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit to Congress a report on preliminary damage assessments and make necessary improvements to processes in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 362;

Pages H6199–H6200

Amending title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value: H.R. 2220, to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 363;

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Redesignating the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee as the “Odell Horton Federal Building”: H.R. 390, to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee as the “Odell Horton Federal Building”, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 364;

Pages H6200–01

Designating the Federal building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast in Washington, DC, as the “Norman Yoshio Mineta Federal Building”: H.R. 4679, to designate the Federal building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast in Washington, DC, as the “Norman Yoshio Mineta Federal Building”, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 14 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 365; and

Pages H6201–02

Designating the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 1125 Chapline Street in Wheeling, West Virginia, as the “Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”: H.R. 4660, to designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 1125 Chapline Street in Wheeling, West Virginia, as the “Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a yeas-

yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 4 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 366. **Pages H6202–03**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m. **Page H6203**

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 19 was held at the desk. **Page H6193**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6193.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6193–94, H6394, H6195, H6195–96, H6197–98, H6198–99, H6199, H6200, H6200–01, H6201–02, and H6202–03.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLOSING THE COURTHOUSE DOORS: THE INJUSTICE OF FORCED ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Closing the Courthouse Doors: The Injustice of Forced Arbitration Agreements”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1193, the “CAROL Act”; H.R. 1667, the “Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act”; H.R. 3297, the “Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2021”; H.R. 3320, the “Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2021”; H.R. 3537, the “Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act”; H.R. 4555, the “Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act of 2021”; H.R. 5487, the “SHINE for Autumn Act of 2021”; H.R. 5551, the “Improving the Health of Children Act”; and H.R. 5561, the “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Reauthorization Act”. H.R. 1193, H.R. 1667, H.R. 3297, H.R. 3320, H.R. 3537, H.R. 5487, H.R. 5551 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 4555 and H.R. 5561 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

FROM TIMBER TO TUNGSTEN: HOW THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FUNDS ROGUE ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIMES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “From Timber

to Tungsten: How the Exploitation of Natural Resources Funds Rogue Organizations and Regimes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TEXAS ABORTION BAN AND ITS DEVASTATING IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Texas Abortion Ban and its Devastating Impact on Communities and Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H. Res. 320, recognizing the critical importance of access to reliable, clean drinking water for Native Americans and Alaska Natives and confirming the responsibility of the Federal Government to ensure such water access; H.R. 4832, the “Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act”; and H.R. 5345, the “Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neguse, Lee of Nevada, and Moore of Utah; Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Rebecca Mitchell, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board; Joel Ferry, State Representative, District 1, Utah House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 5376, the “Build Back Better Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5376, the “Build Back Better Act”. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–18, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 188 is amended by striking “November 18, 2021” and inserting “December 3, 2021”.